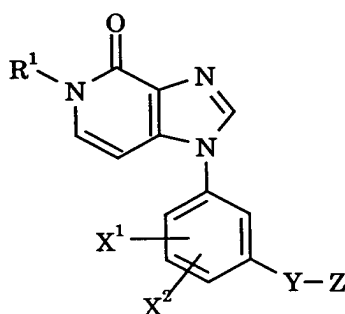


CLAIMS

1. A compound of formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:

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(I)

wherein

- 10 X¹ represents hydrogen, halogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, trifluoromethyl or C₁₋₆ alkoxy;
 X² represents hydrogen or halogen;
 Y represents a chemical bond, an oxygen atom, or a -NH- linkage;
 Z represents an optionally substituted aryl or heteroaryl group;
 15 R¹ represents hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic group, trifluoromethyl, -SO₂R^a, -SO₂NR^aR^b, -COR^a, -CO₂R^a or -CONR^aR^b; and
 R^a and R^b independently represent hydrogen, hydrocarbon or a heterocyclic group.
- 20 2. A compound of claim 1 in which X¹ is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, methyl, trifluoromethyl or methoxy.
3. A compound of claim 1 in which X² is hydrogen or fluoro.

4. A compound of claim 1 in which Z is phenyl, pyridinyl, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, furyl, thienyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazolyl, imidazolyl, oxadiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, triazolyl and tetrazolyl, any of which groups may be optionally substituted
5 by one or more substituents.
5. A compound of claim 1 in which R¹ is hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic group, trifluoromethyl, -COR^a or -CO₂R^a.
- 10 6. A compound of claim 5 in which R^a is hydrogen or C₁₋₆ alkyl.
7. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.
- 15 8. A method for treatment or prevention of anxiety which comprises administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of Claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 20 9. A method for the treatment or prevention of convulsions which comprises administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of Claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 25 10. A method for the treatment or prevention of cognitive disorders which comprises administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of Claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.